The NFL season is upon us, and on Indiecast Steven and Ian are marking the occasion by launching their first-ever Fall Albums Fantasy Draft. Here’s how it works — they each pick five albums that are coming out this fall with the object of accumulating the highest overall Metacritic score. In this scenario, Olivia Rodrigo is like Patrick Mahomes and Taylor Swift is like Justin Jefferson. Does that make sense? No? It will when you listen! Before that, Steven gives a recap of his weekend in Dayton for the 40th anniversary Guided By Voices shows. Was the line for the men’s bathroom a disaster? Of course it was! Also, the guys delve into the online dust-up between Jeff Rosenstock and Steve Albini — and the Canadian punk band Propagandhi (?) — over music venues that take a portion of artists’ merch sales. Finally, they pay tribute to the recently fallen icons Jimmy Buffett and Steve Harwell of Smash Mouth. Listen to the episode here.

-- Steven Hyden, Uproxx Cultural Critic and author of five books, most recently *Long Road: Pearl Jam And The Soundtrack Of A Generation*

**In case you missed it...**

**Grimes** and **Elon Musk** confirmed news about their secret third child is true, and they named him Tau Techno Mechanicus.
Ahead of **Green Day**’s ‘Dookie’ 30th-anniversary album reissue, the band dumped out three glorious outtakes from their vaults.

**Zach Bryan** was arrested in Oklahoma, and **Spotify** took the opportunity to make his mug shot the cover of one of their playlists.

Our latest Indie Mixtape 20 Q&A is with **The Natvral**, who finds wonder and chaos on *Summer Of No Light*.

## OPENING TRACKS

![MITSKI](image)

**MITSKI**

The forthcoming *The Land Is Inhospitable And So Are We* (due Friday) seems to have a spooky, almost gospel rock vibe based on the early singles. The recently released “Heaven” is the loveliest and most epic song to come out yet, and stands as another interesting preview of this major indie release.
THE GASLIGHT ANTHEM

These Jersey punks reunited recently for a triumphant “we’re back!” tour, though there was no guarantee initially that new music would also be part of the package. Thankfully, that issue has now been resolved: A new album, History Books, drops October 27, and features fellow Jersey guy Bruce Springsteen.

LISTEN

THE MOUNTAIN GOATS

John Darnielle is one of the prolific singer-songwriters in indie rock, especially in the past few years, so it’s no surprise that the Mountain Goats once again have a new album on the horizon. The band’s latest, Jenny From Thebes, drops October 27, and is previewed by the new single “Fresh Tattoo.”
DEEP CUTS

STÜSSY & TALKING HEADS
**THE MENZINGERs**

Is there a more reliable punk band than The Menzingers? Each time out, you know you’re going to get catchy rock anthems with storytelling lyrics. And that’s what they deliver with “Hope Is A Dangerous Little Thing,” the lead single from *Some Of It Was True*, which comes out October 13.

**EMPTY COUNTRY**

When he was in Cymbals Eat Guitars, Joseph D’Agostino was one of the sharpest songwriters in emo and punk. In his current project Empty Country, he has scaled back the grandiosity a bit but he still delivers anthems that hit like classic-rock jams. His latest, *Empty Country II*, drops November 3.

**VINYL OF THE WEEK**

*’RAMONES’ by RAMONES — LP + 7”*
Released in April 1976, Ramones' debut album has been deemed one of the most influential punk albums of all time. It features the tracks “Blitzkrieg Bop” and “I Wanna Be Your Boyfriend,” and the mono mix is now available on vinyl for the first time.

THROWBACK

'TRUST' by ELVIS COSTELLO AND THE ATTRACTIONS

You really can’t go wrong with any Elvis C. album released from 1977 to 1982. This album comes near the end of that magical run,
but these piano-based numbers about busted relationships are some of Costello’s most striking.

**Liner Notes**

Pre-order Hyden's upcoming book


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